

## THE BREEZE

"Through snow, sleet, wind, and the rain," THE BREEZE must go on. The staff was ready, the printers were ready--and so was the weather bureau with dire predictions. The advertisers were also in favor of a paper but though our pioneer spirit was not lacking, our means of transportation and communication were.

So here, Madisonites, is what might be called the April Fool issue a little early. We hope you will enjoy it.

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### EDITORIAL

One of the primary concerns of every teacher, regardless of grade level, is the literacy of his students. A major factor of reading is comprehension. Judging from the reaction to the Honor Council "fiasco" some at Madison are not aware of this.

The article was written by college students for college students--supposedly on a college level. What happened? Did the students read it completely?

Thought before action is a sign of maturity. The members of Honor Council did think before the article was written. The BREEZE staff did think before the article was published.

Did those students who panicked read it--all the way through? Just how many students took the article literally? I would like to think that the majority of Madison students are capable of comprehending satire. Even moreso, I would like to think that their criticism would be constructive rather than vindictive.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Since the last publication of the BREEZE, many people have expressed alarm over the front page article concerning the honor code. As the authors of that article, we would like to clarify our original intent. We wished to stimulate your interest in the honor system by placing you in a situation in which you would realize the void which would occur upon the abolishment of the honor code. We felt that this would be most effective through the use of a satiric tone. Hence the creation of such phrases as "super sealed refrigerator bags" and "infra-red laundry tape." We never supposed that you would misinterpret such satire as fact. We wonder how many of those who hastened to take action actually read the entire article, particularly the sentence found in the last paragraph which reads, "The motion did not carry."

We feel now that we did accomplish our purpose in spite of what appeared at first to be an unfavorable reaction. Perhaps we have uncovered the existence of an even greater problem. When we wrote that article we had hoped to point out the current apathy toward the honor code; unfortunately, we succeeded in merely illustrating the current illiteracy that exists on this campus.

Joanne Beaver  
Susan Martin  
Members of Honor Council

Dear Editor:

As Sunday morning is the only morning many of us can sleep "late," I find it highly disturbing to be awakened bright and early, say eight o'clock by the delightful vocalizing that takes place in Harrison annex.

I understand that the music and voice majors have to practice, and this is fine with me, but on Sunday morning, early, couldn't an exception be made?

A Sleepy Student,

Cathie Zuver

The only time they didn't was when I had forgotten that they were not marked.

Just lately, last week, I accidentally left a circle pin on one of my blouses and assumed that it would fall off and get lost or be ruined in the machine. To my surprise, whoever had taken care of the clothes, had taken the pin off my blouse before washing. They had put it on a slip of paper with my name. Then, before they sent it back, they pinned it onto the clean blouse I had left it on. I do not know who "they" is, but I am sure glad that we have a "they" taking such good care of things.

Sincerely,

J. M. Schneider

Dear Editor:

After reading the article entitled "MC Relinquishes Honor Code" in the last issue of your paper, we were thoroughly disgusted. The purpose of this article was apparently to impress upon some seventh grader the importance of our Honor Code. However, if the members of the Council agreed on the submission of these proposals, they should have at least done us the Justice of approving them. In proving by such means its importance, the Council has discouraged any respect that could possibly have been given it before. The Council, regardless of its exalted view of itself, is not the factor determining whether or not a student lies, cheats, or steals.

An honor council should be worthy of respect, should be an honorable organization (et tu Brute?). This article reflects the consideration the Council has for itself. Perhaps to the Council, their affairs deserve such treatment we are glad to discover this.

Cordially,

Hope Tureman  
Phyllis Shirr

Dear Editor:

Much had been said last year about the poor operation of the laundry. Because of all this criticism, I did not send my clothes to them. I feared they would come back in shreds or would not come back at all. This year I decided to see for myself just what kind of job they do. Much to my surprise, they did not come back in shreds and they did come back.



## ININGER PRESENTS RECITAL FEBRUARY 8

Miss Helen Ininger, of the Madison College Piano Faculty, will present a piano recital on Tuesday, 8:00 p.m., in Anthony-Seeger.

The program will consist of three major works by Bach, Beethoven, and Chopin.

Miss Ininger holds degrees from Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester, University of Michigan, and the Royal Academy of Music in London.

The public is invited to attend. There is no admission charge.

## ROSES, LOLLIPOPS FOR VALENTIN'S

"Bring her candy, flowers and dandy,  
Roses and lollipops, and lollipops and roses."

Does this song bring back memories? The German Club will give their version of "Lollipops and Roses", Saturday, February 12, 8:00-12:00 p.m. in Bluestone. The music will be provided by a local disc jockey and the cost will be seventy-five cents per couple.

The German Club hopes that all students will come and be warmed by the music and good time during this snow season.

## BOOKSTORE HOURS

Monday through Friday-- 8:00-noon  
1:00-3:30 p.m.  
Saturday----- 8:00-11:30 a.m.

## ALTON TO SPEAK

William H. Alton of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship will speak Sunday, February 6, 10:00-12:00 p.m. in Blackwell Auditorium.

He will deal with the topic, "Man Unlimited." Mr. Alton has a national reputation as a speaker. The Christian Science invites students of all faiths to attend.

## CALENDAR

Feb. 5-Campus Movie, "The Battle of Villa Fjorita", 7:30 p.m.  
SINGSPIRATION-Jane Rollason

Feb. 8-Faculty Recital-Helen Ininger,  
Pianist, Anthony-Seeger, 8:00 p.m.

Feb. 12-German Club Informal Dance, "L  
"Lollipops and Roses", Bluestone,  
8:00-12:00 p.m.

## RECRUITER VIEWS VIET NAM TUESDAY

What is really happening in Viet Nam? To inform the student body of these conditions, the Social Science Society will present Mr. William Meyers, February 8.

He is a recruiter for International Voluntary Services and has just returned after a two-year tour in Viet Nam.

Slides will be shown illustrating the function of I.V.S. There will be a question and answer session following the program. I.V.S. is an agency founded along the same lines as the Peace Corps.

Mr. Meyers graduated from Goshen College, Indiana. While in Viet Nam he was associated with the promotion of science courses and providing material and methods to Vietnamese teachers.

Appointments may be made with Mr. Meyers, Wednesday, February 9.

## RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK PROGRAM

Monday marks the beginning of Religious Emphasis Week sponsored by the YWCA.

Activities include an open meeting and discussion Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. in Alumni Reception Room and a breakfast, Friday, 7:30-8:30 p.m. in Dining Hall 5.

Speaking at both meetings and the breakfast will be Reverend William Johnson of the Trinity Presbyterian Church of Elkton. He will also speak at the Thursday assembly and conduct a devotional service in Blackwell, 7:30-8:30 Thursday night.

## KAY CONDUCTS SURVEY ON SPENDING

Miss Merle Kay, a union member of the Marketing Class, is conducting a comprehensive "Survey of Student Spending" as part of her Honors Program requirements.

The purpose of this is to determine the economic impact of MC students upon the city of Harrisonburg. The results will indicate how much is spent by the average student on clothing, food, gifts, entertainment, services, etc. In addition it will reveal patterns of spending and places in which purchases are made. Reasons will also be disclosed.



## ONE MAN'S OPINION

by  
George Morrison

With the misleading headline and ending with indefinite closure the Honor Council article in the January 8 edition of the BREEZE was a masterpiece of adolescent writing and the most assinine material I have ever seen. It was supposedly written to arouse student interest in the Honor Code; a purpose in which it failed miserably. The reason is evident: the article was too misleading to be understood. The headline was enough, but the real clincher came in the last few sentences. There are not enough students well-versed in parliamentary procedure to know what a "call for the question" is. The article was written so that it would appear that two measures had been voted on and only one was passed. As proof of the confusion, read the notes that were passed out by Honor Council through your post office box.

It might have been better if the Honor Council had passed the suggestions set forth in the article. No. 1--each student will be responsible only to himself for his actions." This suggestion puts a student on his personal honor, and in fact says that he is adult enough to know right from wrong. No matter what type of Honor Code is enforced there will be those people who will cheat, lie, and steal and the combined honor codes of every school in the country will not make any difference to these people. But even these few persons deserve the right to a fair trial.

No. 2--"Each student will be solely responsible for his possessions both in his room and elsewhere on campus." I for one have always been responsible for my own possessions and if we were forced to be responsible for everyone else also, we would have little time for anything else but playing "policemen."

Under the heading Changes in Procedure, number 1--"It is no longer necessary for any student who has lied, cheated, or stolen to report himself." It was refreshing to read that someone was realistic enough to realize that very few people are going to turn themselves in unless they are forced to do so. The idea conflicts with a person's self-preservation instincts.

No. 2--"A student is no longer to report any observance of the above." This rule eliminates the sadistic pleasure some people get from just looking for trouble. Let's face it, there are people who go through life with one objective: to find fault in others. I would find it very

difficult and would have to give a lot of thought to reporting anyone to the Honor Council. The reason I say this is that under present conditions a defendant is not given a fair trial. No matter how complete the investigation or how closely the witnesses are questioned, a defendant is not being tried fairly if he cannot face his accusers and cross-examine them. The fault lies not with the Council; the Code just needs revision.

These revisions must come now while there is popular support for changes. This support is evident in the election of Don Willard to Honor Council. Don promised to support all constructive changes in the honor code, and he was backed by the male students. The dormitory buzz session reveal that the women are also in favor of a major revision. An honor code is a major part of any school and must be supported by the entire student body. Let us say the "entire" student body. It would seem that a majority of the students are not in favor of the honor code as it now stands. This dissatisfaction will not subside, only smolder and finally flame into a demand for change. AS A SUGGESTION, I ADVOCATE THE HONOR COUNCIL APPOINT A COMMITTEE OF STUDENTS TO REVISE THE CODE, AND LET IT BE VOTED ON BY THE STUDENT BODY.

## A T T E N T I O N

THE BIG WEEKEND, MAY DAY AND HOMECOMING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 29 and 30.

PARENTS' DAY WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 6--THE DAY BEFORE STUDENTS LEAVE FOR SPRING VACATION.

## KAY (Continued)

The survey is being conducted through personal interviews, lasting from 20 to 30 minutes, using questionnaires. Interviews will be conducted from February 7-19.